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MODEL SYLLABUS

BASIC COUNTRY SURVEY COURSE

1. Scope. The Basic Country Survey course examines all principal facets of a foreign country and its people in the light of American intelligence interests. Minor countries are grouped appropriately for convenience—e.g., Scandinavia, Arab countries, [REDACTED] 25X1A

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[REDACTED] French North Africa.

2. Objectives. The purpose of the course is strictly professional—to develop a sensitivity to what is significant in the foreign country from an intelligence viewpoint. The employee is alerted to those aspects of its physical make-up, traditions, attitudes, and current conditions which affect his work. Thus he is trained more effectively to interpret developments, anticipate responses, and promote CIA operational objectives in the country.

3. Users. The course is intended for all intelligence officers whose assignments are concerned with the country to be studied. The course is slanted toward the professional needs of personnel engaged in intelligence production, operations, or services. Certain unclassified portions of the course may be available also to adult dependents.

4. Content. The course consists of three main phases. The first includes: (a) a sketch of why the country is important to the United States; (b) a broad consideration of American policy toward the country concerned and toward the world region in which it falls; and (c) specific consideration of American policy toward the country concerned and toward

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the world region in which it falls; and (c) specific consideration of national intelligence objectives and--as security factors permit--of operational objectives involving the country. The second and most extensive phase of the course is a systematic study of the country itself in considerable detail. The principal topics are: a brief historical introduction to the people, their culture, and their institutions; the geography, climate, and natural resources; the economic structure, with emphasis on strengths and weaknesses of manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, trade, and national accounts; current political, economic, and social conditions, and institutions and organizations, the structure of government, with emphasis on government policies in these fields; legal and constitutional systems; attitudes and policies toward the outside world, with emphasis on the country's role in the cold war. The third phase of the course relates the second directly to the first by synthesizing and evaluating those area data which bear importantly on efforts to implement American policies and intelligence objectives in the area. This phase will be taken up intermittently, as appropriate, after each segment of the second phase. The course concludes with a balanced survey of the intelligence situation in the country--i.e., the current status of, and the outlook for, progress toward American goals in the country.

5. Schedules. Classes will meet four times a week, in two-hour sessions, for ten weeks. Outside study and preparation will normally require about sixteen hours a week. The initial Basic Country Survey Course--on Germany--is expected to be offered by late fall of 1955. As soon as staffing

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is completed, the course on each key country [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] etc.) will normally be given at least once each year. Courses on
lesser countries or groups of countries will be offered only once in two
or three years.

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